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In re the Application of: **Akihiko OTOGURO et al.**

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Date: March 28, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.